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TO AMEMBASSY MEXICO IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, MX

SUBJECT: F-5S FOR MEXICO

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A FORMAL REQUEST FROM EMBASSY
OF MEXICO FOR A LETTER OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE FOR 24
(TWENTY-FOUR) F-5E AND 2 (TWO) F-5F AIRCRAFT TOGETHER WITH
WEAPONS, SPARES, TRAINING AND MAINTENANCE PACKAGE.
PRELIMINARY ROUGH ESTIMATES PLACE VALUE OF SALE AT
ABOUT 150 MILLION DOLLARS.

2. THIS SALE, SHOULD IT BE DEEMED ADVISABLE, WOULD
REQUIRE A PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION. ADDITIONALLY,
WE NEED TO PLACE THIS PROPOSAL ON THE PLANNING LIST
OF PROPOSED FY 1978 SALES UNDER THE WORLDWIDE CEILING
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ON ARMS TRANSFERS.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON:

A) WHAT UNDERLIES THIS REQUEST?

B) IS THE GOM, AS DISTINGUISHED FROM THE MINDEF, FULLY

COMMITTED TO A PROGRAM OF THIS MAGNITUDE?

C) WOULD THIS SALE HAVE AN EFFECT ON CENTRAL AMERICAN
REGIONAL ARMS BALANCE?

D) HOW WOULD THE SALE BE FINANCED?

E) WOULD THE EXPENDITURE, IN YOUR OPINION, CONSTITUTE
A SERIOUS DIVERSION OF FUNDS WHICH COULD BE USED
IN MEXICO'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROCESS?

F) WHAT WOULD THE GOM REACTION LIKELY BE IF USG
REFUSED SALE?

G) ANY OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED SALE WHICH YOU
FEEL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

4. GIVEN SHORT TIME LEFT FOR FY 1978 PLANNING, ARA
SHOULD RECEIVE YOUR REPLY NO LATER THAN 1200 JANUARY 27.
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